Administrative and financial reforms in Orissa

1832. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a World Bank and Department for International Development Team visited Orissa in September last to review administrative and financial reforms in the State; and

(b) whether the above team has submitted its report, if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) The World Bank and Department for International Development (DFID) Team visited Orissa from 7th-9th October, 2003 to appraise the proposed Orissa Economic Revival Credit/Loan.

(b) The World Bank has not submitted the Aide Memoire in respect of the above mentioned visit.

Financial assistance to Jharkhand

1833. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total financial assistance provided by the Union Government to Jharkhand and other States for implementing various Centrally sponsored schemes to increase the agricultural production during the Tenth Five Year Plan as on date;

(b) the number of farmers benefited through this scheme; and

(c) the financial assistance earmarked for the remaining period of the Tenth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Funds for maintenance of Highways

1834. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation of funds made to various States during last three years for construction and maintenance of National Highways;

(b) the new National Highways constructed and the details of the maintenance work carried out on the specific National Highway in those years; and

(c) to what extent the amount allocated for the above purpose has been utilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN): (a) to (c) This Ministry develops the existing roads declared as National Highways to National Highway standards. The State-wise allocation of funds for development and maintenance of National Highways and the expenditure incurred during the last three years are given in Statement-I. *{See* below). The details of development works done in National Highways during the last three years are given in Statement-ll *{See* below). In addition, National Highways are being maintained in traffic-worthy condition by way of routine maintenance, periodic renewal and other emergent repair works.